

**ENTERED**

January 23, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
GALVESTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VS.

PATRICIA MADISON COPE; aka  
MADDY, *et al*,

Defendants.

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CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 3:16-CR-17-2,3,4

**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is Defendant Malik Brown's Motion to Continue (Dkt. 95) to which Co-Defendants, Patricia Madison Cope (2) and Lincoln Dewayne Hussey (4) are unopposed. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161, the basis for the continuance is the finding that the ends of justice served in granting such continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendants in a speedy trial.

The Court finds that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161, a failure to grant continuance in this case would deny counsel for the Defendants the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation taking into account the exercise of due diligence and would thereby result in a miscarriage of justice for the Defendants.

The Defendants recite that there has been inadequate time to sufficiently prepare for trial. Denial of the reasonable time necessary for effective trial preparation is expressly enunciated in 18 U.S.C. § 3161 as a factor in determining that a continuance in the ends of justice would outweigh the public's interest in a speedy trial.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Defendants' motion for continuance is **GRANTED**. A period of excludable delay shall commence from today, January 23, 2018, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161, and continue until February 26, 2018. It is further ORDERED that the scheduling order is amended as follows:

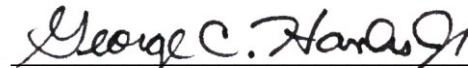
January 29, 2018 All MOTIONS will be filed no later than this date.

February 5, 2018 RESPONSES to motions will be filed no later than this date.

February 12, 2018 PRETRIAL CONFERENCE  
at 10:00 AM

February 26, 2018 JURY TRIAL.  
at 9:00 AM

SIGNED at Galveston, Texas, this 23rd day of January, 2018.



George C. Hanks Jr.  
United States District Judge